

As a Professional Flight Attendant for American Airlines, I am urging you to reconsider allowing the use of cellphones onboard commercial aircraft. I see absolutely no valid reason people need use of cellphones inflight.

My main concern is SAFETY. We all remember the happenings of 9/11 and fear that nothing near this tragedy will ever occur again. Cellphone use will only act as one more very valuable tool for any terrorist in orchestrating another attack, whether it be happening onboard the aircraft, or on the ground below.

Secondly, flight attendants have a hard enough time dealing with passengers lack of adherence to regulations. Passengers are often tense, irrational, and down right mean. Adding "cell phone police" to our job description will only take away from other important safety duties. In addition, it will be hard to keep passengers calm when others are being inconsiderate with their cell phones. This, once again, compromises the very important cabin security and will deter our attention from the rest of the passengers.

In conclusion, commercial aviation is now a key area in which safety and security is mandatory. Cellphone usage is NOT a necessity and will compromise the safety of everyone. Please consider these factors.